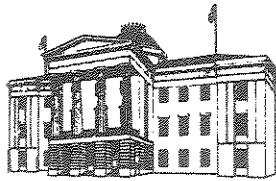


# State of North Carolina



**MICHAEL F. EASLEY**  
GOVERNOR

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 21** **ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR ENCRYPTING MOBILE DEVICES**

**TO:** All Cabinet Secretaries

Pursuant to the authority and responsibility set forth in the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 147, Article 3D and the Statewide Information Technology Standards, I hereby direct that all mobile devices, including laptop computers, used to conduct the public's business be encrypted in accordance with the standard previously approved by the State Chief Information Officer.

All Executive Branch employees using unencrypted devices are hereby directed to comply with the encryption standard by utilizing the statewide convenience contract for encryption software.

In light of the fact that identity theft is a growing concern, we must do all that we can to protect the security and integrity of our citizens' personal information. We must also work diligently to protect the state's network from unauthorized access.

The State CIO is directed to work with agencies to develop a reporting process that will enable us to measure progress in completing this vital task.

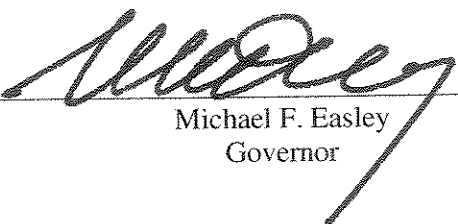
State agencies outside the Executive Branch and not directly subject to this directive are encouraged to encrypt mobile devices used to conduct the public's business consistent with this Executive Directive.

This directive shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

A copy of this Directive is being sent to the Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for their information.

Done in the City of Raleigh this 16th day of December 2008.



  
Michael F. Easley  
Governor